

NYE HAS BAD LUCK

As a Traveler He Writes He is Not a Success.

AND AS A COLLECTOR OF CASH

On Good Security He is Even Worse. But He is All Right as an Artist.

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Very likely other people have better luck in traveling than I do, for I never feel sure that I am on the right conveyance except when I am on board an ocean steamer and find my name printed on the passenger list. Even on the road from London to Liverpool four years ago, after I had been told by a dozen people that there was no change, I found myself at midnight 50 miles off the road, and would have been 100 if I had not been stopped by the coast guard.

The guard looked at my ticket and told me I should have changed at Crews. I had happened to be in the only car-



riage which did not go through to Liverpool without change. The booking office was closed, the lunch shed was also closed, and I could not learn what to do in order to get to Liverpool in time for my steamer, which would start early and promptly at 1 o'clock the same day, it being now past 11. An hour after I heard a train approaching and saw the window of the booking office slowly open. With my heart in my mouth, I inquired when I could get a train toward Liverpool. The agent said I could not get to Liverpool before 2 o'clock Wednesday, which, it struck me, would be an hour after my steamer had gone, and to run and catch up with a steamer that has an hour the start is discouraging.

He told me to take the next train—at 1 o'clock—which was then pulling in. I was just going to buy a ticket, but he saw the one I still had, for the guard did not take it up, and told me that I did not need another ticket. This struck me as very generous, for our railroads make a passenger pay for his ignorance by buying another ticket. So with my old ticket I got aboard and reached Liverpool not at 2 p. m., but at 2 a. m., and slept till 9. However, I was so scared for an hour that my scalp turned perfectly white.

Last week I had an engagement for dinner at 7 and concluded to go by the underground road. As we stopped a minute or two in one of the stations, I got out nimbly and bought a Pall Mall magazine. The train was just starting so I got back and into my car. It turned



out, however, to be another carriage, for my umbrella, overcoat and speech were not in the rack where I had left them. At the next station I got out and tried another car in the brief time I had to do it in, but it was not my car, though it looked the same.

I did this all the way to my destination and then gave it up. I asked an official what to do, for I was in evening dress and a soft cap. He said the quickest way would be to wait there till my train came around again. Meantime he would wire the guard to search for the goods, while I telegraphed the presiding officer of the dinner that a fatal accident had delayed me.

I waited all the evening in the cold until my train made its circle and a porter brought me my stuff. That was one of the best speeches I ever delivered. I delivered it to a messenger boy who took it to the office of a morning paper while I ate a brace of Welsh rabbits by my lonely self and went home.

It is a note of invitation should come to me today requesting me to dine at Buckingham palace. I would stipulate that the royal carriage be sent to my lodgings for me in order to avoid the bitter disappointment which would be felt as it settled down like a pall on the household of her most gracious majesty when it should be learned that I was lost in St. John's Wood.

Another strange thing which I seem to have a copyright on is my failure to get money when I run short.

In Paris, once I used up my letter of credit sooner than I had expected to do and asked the bank where I had drawn my money before to draw by cable on my home bank. It was done before I had time to feel the pangs of hunger in a great city and among strangers.

But when I noticed here that I was getting down to where I did not have a sovereign enough for a quorum I went to the bank where I had been doing business and staid the case. The cashier

checked his book and said, "We cash Brown's Recs. letters of credit, but we don't supply nearly Americans with pocket money on short notice, especially when American banks, as at present, can hardly trust each other."

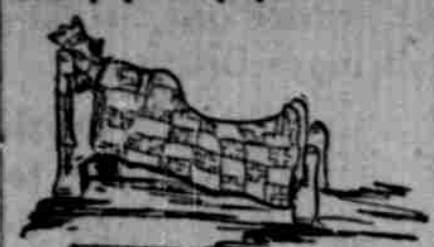
"Why," said he, "I am told that many of your banks never have over \$50,000 or even less, while the ROYAL ARMS OF ENGLAND bank here is LAMP (B. Nye, Artist), rather inferior that does not carry a capital of \$1,000,000 and from that up."

He then went on about his business, shoveling gold into the hopper of a pair of grocer's scales with a copper scoop as he would sugar or salt.

In a few days my sovereigns became shillings, and the time came when I did not ride any more in cabs. I slid into a pawnshop one evening with a notion of leaving my watch, but my courage failed me, so I looked over some goods with the air of a purchaser and then gently got out.

One night I went to bed with only fourpence on hand. In the morning the landlord laid my bill down by my plate at breakfast.

Meantime I had managed to deposit some New York checks with an exchange, and it had sent a messenger boy with them to New York, I judge, to see if they were good, so I looked forward to getting the money inside of seven weeks. Yet inside of that time I might be in the workshop, and in that way at least reach America, for many workhouse people and paupers are sent to



AMERICA FROM ALL OVER EUROPE AND GREAT BRITAIN, but that would take time, and I would thus miss the arrangements I had made and paid for in advance for my reception in New York when I returned.

When the landlord laid his bill for the week on my breakfast table, I felt most wretchedly. This is no fancy sketch. It is the truth. I had only fourpence in my pocket. My bill for five suits of clothes was on my fustian up stairs. I resolved to be frank about it, and let the consequences be what they might.

"Mr. Herbert," said I, for that was his name, and I always call a man by his right name if I can remember it, "I shall have no money until the last of next week. The checks have been sent now over 10 days, and the messenger boy is expected back with the money a week from Saturday. But I cannot pay you until then, though I am very sorry."

"Oh, I didn't present the bill for payment," said he, "but so that you would see it if it was right. You can have £40 or £50 if you like any time, sir."

I had not felt hungry before that. My breakfast had a tinge of melancholy to it. Even the big, fat English chops seemed to be covered with regret, but in five minutes I began on that breakfast like a man who has been locked up in a freight car for eight days between Billings and the Bad Lands. Fifty pounds in gold lay on the clean white table cloth, and the landlord, with a large L, stood smiling behind my chair and asking if he could bring me up another breakfast.

The past week I have devoted largely to the study of history and the examination of ancient secondhand stoves, ancient armor and other kitchen utensils.



IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY (B. Nye, Artist).

I give the royal arms of England from Richard I to Edward III, showing how much improvement has been made in the manufacture of arms since that time. I made the drawing hastily with my new typographic pen, and so it is a crude affair, but it gives the correct expression on the faces of the lions and shows their manner of walking "edge-ways" after a meeting with closed doors. The jug or flagon at the bottom contains wassail. I threw that in myself and a key to the whole grouping and arrangement of the picture. Sometimes an artist with genius that way can aid the spectator so that at a glance he sees the spirit of the master.

The peculiar thing on the tail of the middle lion is a bow of blue ribbon which he has attached to his person in a spirit of badinage and to show how contemptuously total abstinence was treated during the reign of Richard I.

The drawing which follows represents Henry VIII reposing on his couch after a hard day's work on the throne. It shows the somewhat crude and unpretentious bed of that period as well as the expression of his nite while asleep. It is said to be the only portrait of Henry VIII taken while he was asleep. Note the graceful outline of the figure, which is but half concealed by the patchwork bed quilt constructed entirely of neckties and cravats contributed by the king's courtiers.

The third drawing shows in the crudest manner (for I am not an artist and often err even in the simplest principles of art and have on hand three oil paintings now supposed to be by Rembrandt which were done by a painter and grainer from Manchester)—in the crudest manner, I repeat, this drawing shows the ecclesiastical costumes of the twelfth century. The drawing is merely an outline and needs shading and finishing up to give the correct idea, yet the study is made on the spot from a painting of that period.

All of my drawings are made direct from life or from the old masters.

Bill Nye

A board can be colored brown or black by Buckingham's Dye for the Whiskers.

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25c for Neckties worth 50c. 50c for Neckties worth 75c. 75c for Neckties worth \$1. 75c for Nightshirts worth \$1.25 and \$1.50. 50c for Nightshirts worth 75c. 12½c a pair for wool hose worth 20c. 15c a pair for natural wool hose worth 25c. 50c for three four-ply Linen Collars, 25c kind.

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Ladies' Kid Gloves 79c a pair, worth \$1.25. Ladies' Kid Gloves 98c a pair, worth \$1.50. Ladies' and Gents' Fur Lined Gloves at 50c a pair. Ladies' and Gents' Knit Mittens at 25c a pair.

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Ladies' Silk Hose 79c a pair for \$1.25 quality. Ladies' and Children's Wool Hose 19, 25, 35, 50c a pair.

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